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Letter dated 14 May 2002 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith a China position paper, entitled "No accreditation of the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, to the World Summit on Sustainable Development" (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the fourth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, under item 1 of the provisional agenda.

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Annex

China position paper: No accreditation of the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy to the World Summit on Sustainable Development

China firmly objects to the accreditation of "Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy" (TCHRD) to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) and its preparatory process, because TCHRD is a separatist organization that is same in nature as "International Campaign for Tibet" and "Tibet Justice Center" whose applications for accreditation were resolutely rejected by the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the WSSD, respectively at its second and third sessions.

Tibet is an inalienable part of China. This is an indisputable fact recognized by all countries in the world. However, as all similar separatist organizations do, TCHRD denies this fact. It treats Tibet as an independent state and openly claims that China "invaded" Tibet and Tibetans "are a people under foreign occupation". TCHRD is based in Dharamsala, the "headquarters" of the so-called "Tibetan government-in-exile" which has for a long time devoted itself to splitting Tibet from China. TCHRD is closely associated with the "Tibetan government-in-exile" as proved by TCHRD's clear statement that Dalai Lama is its "patron". Members of TCHRD are mainly separatists who support the "independence of Tibet". What TCHRD has done is part and parcel of those activities to split Tibet from China. The separatist objective and activities of TCHRD constitute not only an infringement upon the sovereignty and territorial integrity of China but also a serious violation of the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter.

China attaches great importance to the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its preparatory process. We value and support the participation of legitimate NGOs to the Summit, including the participation of those NGOs which have made positive and concrete contributions, in close cooperation with China, to the sustainable development in Tibet. However, the separatist activities of organizations like TCHRD are irrelevant to the cause of sustainable development. It is quite clear that the real purpose of all TCHRD's activities including its laborious attempts of squeezing into international conferences, is to slander the Chinese Government through distortions and fabrications, promote separatist acts against China and defraud the international community of its support. Participation of TCHRD in the Summit would only be detrimental to the Summit.

China therefore firmly objects to the accreditation of TCHRD to the WSSD and its preparatory process. China is confident that all countries will uphold justice and will understand and support China's position in this regard.